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US stops payments to UNESCO over Palestinian vote

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States said yesterday it is stopping financial contributions to UNESCO after the Palestinians were admitted to the organization as a full member.

The United States also acknowledged that it could lose international influence as it would lose its right to vote in the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization if it makes no payments over the next two years.

"We were to have made a 60 million dollar payment to UNESCO in November and we will not be making that payment," State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland told reporters.

Nuland said the Palestinian admission "triggers longstanding (US) legislative restrictions which will compel the United States to refrain from making contributions to UNESCO."

The United States, Israel's top ally, in the 1990s banned the financing of any UN organization that accepts Palestine as a full member. The United States provides about 22 percent of the UNESCO annual

budget.

The November payment amounts to a tranche of what US officials say is a total annual US contribution of \$80 million (57 million euros) to the UN organization.

Nuland echoed earlier remarks by the White House which said UNESCO's admission of the Palestinians as a full member was "premature" and undermined international peace efforts and hopes of direct talks on a Palestinian state.

The vote, backed by 107 countries in UNESCO, was a symbolic victory for the Palestinian drive towards full statehood recognition.

But the United States, which has vowed to block a separate Palestinian call for statehood recognition at the UN Security Council, believes the campaign detracts from tough bargaining needed with Israel on the terms of a Palestinian state.

Nuland said the United States is aware its own interests could be undermined by its decision to withhold funding to UNESCO.

Royal Family tours "Bo Barrio" neighborhood refurbishment project at Juwana Morto



PM Eman and Governor Refunjol with HRM Queen Beatrix and HRH Princess Maxima

On the final day of the Royal Visit 2011, HRM Queen Beatrix was escorted around the San Nicolas neighborhood of Juwana Morto; an FCCA project of government built low income housing originally constructed in 1992. The entire, somewhat isolated community of 92 is being completely resurfaced and logistics makes it an excellent subject for a pilot project; the refurbished homes have solar panels lining the rooftops.

The arrival of the Royal Family, including HRH Prince of Orange and his wife, HRH Princess Maxima was greeted by cheers from the Juwana Morto residents, several dressed in the colors of the House of Orange. Family members enjoyed chatting with residents and organizers of the project, including architect Raffy Kock, Mario Paula from the FCCA and Stanley Kuiperi, artist and esthetics advisor of the committee. Prime Minister Mike Eman and Minister of Infrastructure, Environment and Integration Benny Sevinger also accompanied the Royal family.

The first phases of the re-

beautification of the neighborhood had seen the families returned to their homes from temporary residences in Savaneta only a week prior to the visit. They were thrilled to have the Royal family visit their rather remote part of the island and provided a welcome performance by the Breakthrough Dance Ministry from the Familia di



Dios Church in San Nicolas.
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by Rosalie Klein

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HRH Prince of Orange and HRH Princess Maxima
warmly greet residents



Rafi Kock explains the project
to HRH Princess Maxima



Meeting island officials



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HRH Prince of Orange shares an affectionate farewell embrace with Prime Minister Eman



ORANJESTAD – Aruba can be congratulated for a very successful Royal visit. After two days of entertaining activities, our Royal Guests, HRM Queen Beatrix, HRH Prince of Orange and spouse HRH Prince Maxima of the Netherlands, the Royal family boarded their plane to continue with their itinerary. Present at the airport to say farewell were Aruba Governor Fredis Refunjol, Prime Minister Mike Eman and other dignitaries.

The Royal family had only



words of praise for the warm welcome they received their enjoyment of the beautiful receptions and presentations prepared in their honor. HRH Prince of Orange even embraced Prime Minister Mike Eman enthusiastically - breaking protocol - to show his appreciation and gratitude.

The Royal family then embarked their plane to Bonaire with HRH Prince of

Orange sitting in the co-pilot seat. Another nice gesture of the Prince was that while the plane was still parked he opened the co-pilot window to waved goodbye to all present, also to the VIP and motorized police officers that accompanied them around the island..

It was a gracious gesture, well appreciated by everyone present.



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Aruba Fashion Week Focus: Local Designers- Candy Rasmijn has a passion for fashion

Aruba boasts a substantial societal level of glitterati; attractive and stylish women and men of all ages that are quite fashion conscious, so the island hosting a major fashion week comes as no surprise. However, the island also boasts a cadre of original designers, among them, one of the organizers of ARUBA IN STYLE Ronchi de Cuba, with his own fashion house "Trash by Ronchi"

There are also several other designers fashionable local women turn to for special occasions, and those that harbor such a passion for fashion, they aspire to seeing their avocation become a pop-



Candy and her Jewelry



Red and Gold ensemble goes well with black

ular, thriving trend.

Such is Candy Rasmijn, the dynamic marketing and community relations manager of Paseo Herencia Shopping cen-

ter and wife of Parliamentarian and Green Energy advocate Donny Rasmijn. She debuted her diverse and appealing line of custom-crafted ARZU jewelry to enthusiastic reception at Sky Lounge in Palm Beach and her new "Dream Collection" of approximately 200 unique pieces is now available to the public.

Candy deploys extremely interesting stones and materials in her creations such as 18 kt gold plated wire for the formal wear pieces and leathers and silk yarn for the sporty, casual collection. These are punctuated with exotic stones from around the world; Eilat stone from Israel, red and black corals and other fascinating minerals with intriguing textures and colors.

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Happy Diwali with Aruba's Indian Community



Women dressed in traditional Sari



IAA President Prakash Gupta with Niti and family

It is a nearly decade-long tradition for the Indian expatriate community of Aruba to gather together for a community celebration of Diwali, (or Deepavali) their "Festival of Lights," that actually translates into "row of lights." Diwali involves the lighting of small clay lamps in Sanskrit: filled with oil to signify the triumph of good over evil. These lamps are kept on during the night and one's house is cleaned, both done in order to make the goddess Lakshmi feel welcome.

Everyone feels welcome at the annual Dewali celebration, organized by the Indian Association of Aruba, which is a joyous affair that celebrates their Indian traditions and identity and provides continuity for a new generation, even though they have been born far from the traditional homeland. This year they selected the Palm Beach Ballroom of the Westin Aruba Resort to host their holiday.

Reminiscent of the peacock, which is India's national bird, the woman of the community flourish their colors in the fantastically colored silks and sequins of the saris; the



Lighting the blessing to Ganesh

men also sometimes affect the elaborate Indian costume of important celebrations.

However, the local Diwali event is dedicated to the next generation, and after a traditional feast no less than 20 separate performances by various youth took up most of this past Sunday afternoon. Some were demonstrations of traditional ritual dancing, but the majority is homage to favorite Bollywood



Traditional stick dance

production numbers, and their idols, such as Hrithik Roshen, Shah Rukh Kahn and Amitabh Bhachan. Parents are often dancing along in the back of the room as their children perform, cameras are clicking away, and it is an ebullient, infectious celebration of community.

by Rosalie Klein



Niki Shetty and wife

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Aruba receives quantum gift of 22 million Aruban florins for Education

ORANJESTAD -- It was a warm and pleasant atmosphere during the official inauguration of the "Europahuis" (House of Europe). There was a huge audience present and the Commissioner for the European Union, Mr. Piebalgs opened the evening with an eloquent speech. Piebalgs shared how he was so pleased to be in Aruba. The first act of protocol was the signing of a document to which our Minister of Education and Justice also added his signature. Said document stipulates that the European Union is extending a handsome gift of 22 million Aruban florins to Aruba for educational improvements.

Before the European Union could have decided to make this gift available to Aruba, for which Aruba had submitted a request some years ago, much research had been done about Aruba. There had to be a clear justification for such a large gift to Aruba. The research conducted resulted in the production of a discription of our governmental structure, our general management and in particular Aruba's financial management. One of the decisive factors in Aruba succeeding in receiving this gift is the visionary management of the government.

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Aruba Fashion Week Focus: Local Designers - Candy Rasmijn...

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Casual line

"Each necklace, bracelet and ring or set of earring is meant to emphasis the individuality of the wearer," Candy explains. "They each have a feeling-a language of its own,



Casual colorful piece using Eilat stone from Israel

which I feel embodies the free creative process." She designs many of her custom pieces after conversing with a client to get a impression of what they want and need.



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TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

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In the SPD (single programming document) document that was signed clearly indicates that the government of Aruba has a realistic vision for the future of Aruba, and that the government's management coincides with the vision of the European Union that we must invest more in our education.

Colombians elect leftist candidates in regional votes

BOGOTA (AFP) - Leftist candidates won a host of new seats in Colombia's local and regional elections, results showed yesterday, including a former guerrilla fighter in the Bogota's mayor's office.

They were the first elections since the 2010 victory of center-right President Juan Manuel Santos who took the reins from the hard-right Al-

The three areas of importance are: 1. Ample support from the community for education, 2. The quality of the work of educators, and, 3. Universal access to education

In the document, it was also noted that Aruba is intent on strengthening her ties with her principal partners, namely, the Dutch Kingdom and with the European Union. The Aruba government is currently developing a strategy for the Dutch Kingdom and has taken a greater interest in the activities of the European Union. Aruba has voluntarily adopted parts of the communal accomplishments.

Obviously, Aruba's Minister of Education was extremely happy to receive the generous gift for the improvement of our education.

varo Uribe, whose politics appeared rebuked by the electorate after he personally campaigned for a number of losing candidates.

Colombians elected governors in 32 departments and more than 1,000 mayors, as well as representatives to their state assemblies and municipal councils.

East Coast snowstorm toll rises to 12

NEW YORK -- The northeastern United States dug out yesterday from an unseasonable snowstorm with officials warning families against Halloween trick-or-treating in extreme conditions that left 12 people dead.

Some two million homes were without power across the region, where officials confirmed five storm-related deaths in Pennsylvania, three in Massachusetts, and two each in Connecticut and New Jersey.

Cain denies sexual harassment

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US Republican presidential contender Herman Cain came out swinging yesterday against accusations of sexual impropriety, blasting a report that he harassed two female employees in the 1990s as a "witch hunt" against him.

Cain, who has emerged as an improbable front-runner for the Republican nomination for the right to square off against President Barack Obama next year, initially dodged a question about the report during an early appearance at a think-tank.

But by midday the former pizza executive was vigorously denying wrongdoing, as he sought to ensure that the hiccup does not become a full-blown scandal just as he launches a charm offensive in Washington to win over establishment conservatives skeptical of his tax plan and political inexperience.

"I have never sexually harassed anyone, and absolutely these are false accusations," Cain told Fox News, one day after an explosive report by Politico which said the allegations had emerged when he headed the National Restaurant Association, a Washington trade lobbying group.

Amid the mass power outages, some officials were warning families against traditional Halloween trick-or-treating.

Authorities in the Massachusetts town of Worcester said wandering outside would "put families and our youth in harm's way as they negotiate piles of snow and downed limbs."

Air and rail traffic returned to normal after a weekend of heavy delays at New York and New Jersey airports and on train routes up the densely-populated east coast from Washington to Boston.

Planes idled on runways, including a travel nightmare for over 100 passengers stranded on a grounded Jet

Blue flight in Hartford, Connecticut for seven hours.

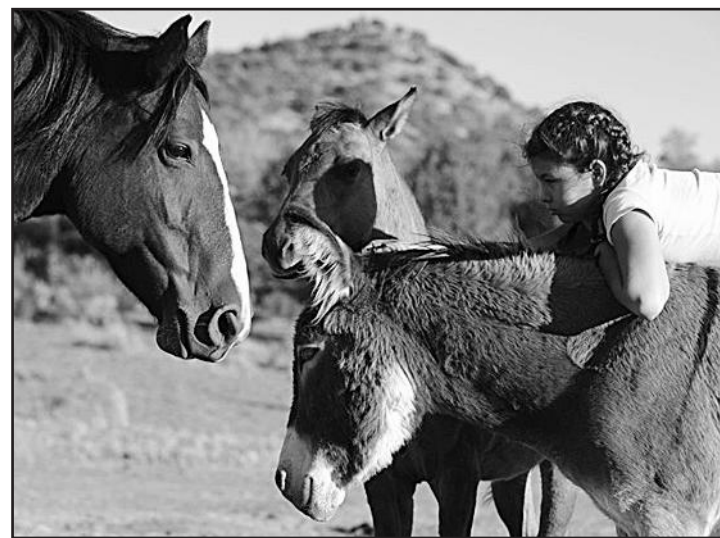
In New Jersey, around 400,000 people were still without power.

Governor Chris Christie said state officials estimated that 95 percent of homes would have lights back on by the end of the week and blamed the widespread outages on fallen trees that had cut through power lines.

Further north in Connecticut, officials said over 800,000 households were still without power and Governor Dannel Molloy warned it would be days before power could be restored.

Snow had transformed the region on Sunday into a Halloween winter wonderland.

Texas faces backlash over shooting donkeys



Cheyenne Rideaux relaxes on the back of Penny, a rescued burro, at Rachael Waller's ranch in Alpine, Texas. Texas park rangers are trying to wipe out hundreds of free-roaming donkeys in Big Bend Ranch State Park along the U.S. - Mexico border, killing nearly 130 to date, stirring up a whole new kind of border-cropper controversy

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76 held over 'massive' US-Mexico drug ring

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - US authorities have arrested 76 people in a crackdown on drug smuggling from Mexico through Arizona after a 17-month probe, officials said yesterday.

"Operation Pipeline Express" has broken up a "massive" trafficking network suspected of smuggling more than \$33 million worth of drugs a month through Arizona's western desert, said Arizona Attorney General Tom Horne.

"Today we have dealt a significant blow to a Mexican criminal enterprise that has been responsible for poisoning our communities with the distribution of millions of dollars' worth of marijuana, cocaine and heroin," he said.

"I find it completely unacceptable that Arizona neighborhoods are treated as a trading floor for narcotics."

The operation centered on the towns of Chandler, Stan-

field and Maricopa, where backpackers and vehicles loaded marijuana and other drugs from the Arizona-Mexico border bound for a network of "stash" houses around Phoenix.

After arriving in Phoenix, the contraband, which also included cocaine and heroin, was sold to distributors from multiple states nationwide.

Last week federal and local investigators executed the third in a succession of large-scale enforcement actions tied to the probe, taking another 22 defendants into custody.

Those arrested range from organizational "bosses" to stash house guards and load drivers.

During last week's warranted searches, authorities seized more than two tons of marijuana, 19 weapons -- including assault rifles, handguns, and shotguns -- and nearly \$200,000 in cash.

"Through our joint efforts,

we've sent a resounding message to the Mexican cartels that Arizona is off limits to their operatives," said Matthew Allen, special agent in charge for HSI in Arizona.

"As this case makes clear, law enforcement in Arizona is united in its resolve to protect our communities and our country from the scourge of large-scale narcotics trafficking."

Berlusconi urged to quit as bond yields climb



ROME - Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi faced fresh calls to resign yesterday as markets turned on Italy, pushing its borrowing costs to dangerous new levels on renewed concern about a worsening of the euro zone crisis.

One of Italy's most prominent businessmen, Luca Cordero di Montezemolo, chairman of sports car maker Ferrari, said that Italy had reached "the point of no return" and urged Berlusconi to make way for a government of national unity.

Yields on Italy's 10-year, fixed-rate bonds known as BTPs rose to 6.1 percent, a level widely seen as unsustainable in the longer term and close to the level which forced Rome to seek help from the European Central Bank in August.

UN calls on Libya to act over weapons threat

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - The UN Security Council yesterday called on Libya's interim authorities and neighboring countries to stamp out the spread of weapons from Moamer Kadhafi's huge stockpile.

Amid mounting fears that militant groups in Africa and beyond could get shoulder-fired rockets and other weapons from the Kadhafi cache, the 15-member council unanimously passed a resolution demanding the clampdown.

Resolution 2017, drawn up by Russia, stressed international fears that the stockpile could cause unrest through Africa's Sahel region and fall into the hands of groups such as Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb.

The resolution called on Libya "to take all necessary steps to prevent the proliferation of all arms," especially man-portable surface-to-air missiles, MANPADS.

It also called on Libyan authorities to work with the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons to destroy new stockpiles.

The Security Council said states in the region should draw up measures to prevent the spread of the arms.

Since the death of strongman Kadhafi on October 20, Libya's transitional government has found two chemical weapons sites hidden by the old regime, experts said.

The UN envoy to Libya, Ian Martin, told the Security Council last week that international inspectors have to visit hundreds of suspected weapons stockpile sites in Libya.

Kadhafi's regime "accumulated the largest known stockpile of anti-aircraft missiles" outside of producing countries, Martin said.

The MANPAD surface-to-air missiles can be used against civilian jets and other ordnance can easily be converted into car bombs and roadside explosives, according to experts.

"This resolution is a step forward for international cooperation to better fight the recurrent phenomenon of arms spreading through the region, especially, the Sahel," said a Western diplomat on the Security Council, on condition of anonymity.

The Security Council asked the UN Libya sanctions committee and UN anti-terrorism experts to produce an assessment of the international threat from the weapons.

Steve Jobs dominating 2011 Halloween costumes



The death of Steve Jobs has inspired a myriad of tributes--none moreso than on Halloween, as countless Apple fanboys and erstwhile iNerds have chosen to dress up as the late tech icon for the holiday, mimicking Jobs' signature jeans and mock turtleneck.

Argentine tightens exchange controls to stem capital flight

BUENOS AIRES (AFP) - Argentina yesterday tightened controls on its foreign exchange market to halt capital flight that has seen billions of dollars flow out of the economy in recent years.

New requirements to verify the source of funds tighten regulation of the exchange of the country's currency amid an overheating economy, and 20 percent inflation.

The move is latest measure to stem capital flight that has seen almost \$70 billion leave the country in the past four years -- growing to almost \$3 billion a month in the second half of 2011.

It comes a week after President Cristina Kirchner's reelection in a landslide on the back of booming economic growth and sympathy a year after the death of her husband

Health & Living

Re-introducing Tamarijn to Aruba



Familiarity breeds contempt. This is an old saying which time has shown to be true. On Aruba we have evidence of this in our own backyards. Consider how we treat and view our faithful, undemanding friend, the humble tamarijn. Against hostile environmental conditions and human abuse the tree has held its own, continuing to flourish whenever we let it. Yet, we chop it down, even when it's not in the way. We let its fruit drop to the ground and rot.

Does this tree deserve such neglect? Let's see.

When it arrived on Aruba some 200 years ago from Venezuela, it was a god-send. The quality of its wood was the best for hut construction – tough, termite-resistant; ideal for charcoal production. Its leaves and fruit provided most of the nutrients its growers needed at a time when human survival depended on the things the land – and sea – provided. As was the mango, the tamarijn found a home in Savaneta and Santa Cruz areas where it still flourishes.

But, as time went by and big businesses took over, and got us hooked on their manufactured stuff, we spurned old-time things viewing them

as things belonging to the very poor. Victims of this sophistication is the tamarijn and the shimarucu. They both now keep each other's company in the cunucus.

No country can return to its roots because time and methods march on. But we could return to our roots to the extent that we recognize and exploit their benefits. We are not aware of it but big businesses are doing this. **They exploit plants we spurn.** They re-constitute and package them, and convince us that there are the cures of this, that and the other. And we pay through our noses for them, often not to our benefit.

If what I've said above has kindled any remorse in you, take time to look in depth at our presently ignored tamarijn.

As a food source. It does not rate highly as being essential. Neither is Aruba's common variety pleasant-tasting, it's known to be too acidic, and we being too sweet-toothed. But—this is important—Aruba now has a variety which is so sweet that it is addictive. Some of these are available at supermarkets at high prices: +/- 20 Aruban florins per kilo. But on Ari Lichtenstein's Land Farm

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However, there is something to be said not in its favor. I speak from experience. The best whips were made from its twigs. The Tambran (the Trinidad name) whip was the toughest, most durable and most stinging, rivaled only by the hibiscus. In my boyhood days, in Trinidad schools it was as present as chalk, pencils and pens, because the guiding principle was: "Spare the whip and spoil the child." My teacher Harry was a firm believer in this principle.

Tamarijn is Aruba's common name. Countries throughout the tropics, from India to Africa to South America and the Caribbean, have claimed it and named it as they see fit. Tamarein (Curacao), Tambran (Trinidad), Tamarindo (Venezuela and Colombia), Ma-kham (Thailand), and Sampaloc (the Philippines).

Its scientific name is *Tamarindus indica*.

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Scientists make human blood protein from rice

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Scientists at a Chinese university said Monday they can use rice to make albumin, a protein found in human blood that is often used for treating burns, traumatic shock and liver disease.

When extracted from rice seeds, the protein is "physically and chemically equivalent to blood-derived human serum albumin (HSA)," said the research in the US-published Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

The findings could lead to a breakthrough in production of HSA, which typically comes from human blood donations.

The demand for the blood protein is about 500 tons per year worldwide, and China has faced worrying shortages in the past.

The rice method was devised by scientists at Wuhan University in China and colleagues from the National Research Council of Canada and the Center for Functional Genomics at the University at Albany in New York.

First, they genetically engineered rice seeds to produce high levels of HSA. Then, they worked out a way to purify the protein from the seeds, gathering about 2.75 grams of

the protein per kilogram (2.2 pounds) of rice.

When they tested the rice-made protein in rats with liver cirrhosis, a common condition for which the human equivalent is often used, they found it produced similar outcomes to treatment with HSA.

The protein is often used in the manufacture of vaccines and drugs and is given to patients with serious burn injuries, hemorrhagic shock and liver disease, the researchers said.

In 2007, a shortage in China led to price spikes and a brief rise in the number of fraudulent albumin medicines on the market.

Concerns have also been raised about the potential for the transmission of hepatitis and HIV, since the protein comes from human blood.

Large-scale planting of genetically modified rice fields that could produce enough seed for mass production of the protein also raises environmental and food supply contamination concerns, since rice is a major world food staple.

More research is needed to evaluate the safety of the rice-derived protein in animals and humans before it can be considered for the market.

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Belgium to switch off nuclear, operator sees blackout ahead



The cooling towers at Electrabel's nuclear power plant in Tihange are seen here in April 2011.

BRUSSELS (AFP) - As Belgium becomes the latest European nation to agree to switch

off nuclear power, operator Electrabel warned Monday of high costs, environmental fallout and increased dependency on foreign suppliers.

Six parties currently working on a coalition programme that will form the basis of a new Belgian government in the weeks to come, agreed on Sunday to switch off the country's seven nuclear plants from 2015.

But a timetable for shut-down, along with a plan to shift into renewable energy sources, still needs to be worked out, with the government-elect giving itself six months from inauguration day to fine tune how to deliver power to the country's 10 million people.

A front-page cartoon in the Flemish daily De Standaard on Monday showed four pairs of eyes in the dark with one of the blacked out faces saying, "I think Electrabel is trying to make a message heard."

"A decision on the future of nuclear energy is an eminently political one in which Electrabel has no influence," said the operator, a subsidiary of French energy giant GDF-Suez that runs six of the Belgian nuclear plants.

But it added in a statement that the consequences could be dire.

Already a net importer of electricity, Belgium could become increasingly dependent on its neighbours, increase its carbon footprint by replacing nuclear with thermal energy, and be forced to considerably hike the price of electricity for consumers.

"On a question such as this which is fundamental to the national economy, it is essential that clear decisions be taken and communicated," it said.

Operators needed clear guidelines "to programme their activities and investments ... to prepare projects that Belgium will need to ensure security of supply."

Shrugging off nuclear fears following Japan's Fukushima disaster, the Czech Republic has decided to press ahead on nuclear to assure energy independence, while coal-dependent Poland remains determined to make its nuclear debut.

Italy and Switzerland meanwhile have put nuclear power plans on ice, while Germany switched off several reactors in the wake of the Japanese disaster and has since passed legislation to phase out nuclear energy by 2022.

Belgium's seven reactors provide 55 percent of the country's energy needs.

Under the Sunday deal clinched by the country's probable next premier, French-speaking Socialist Elio Di Rupo, the government-to-be would confirm a 2003 law scheduling a shutdown for the seven reactors as they reach 40 years of operational life, between 2015 and 2025.

The seven plants combined produce 5.7 GW, a little more than the 5 GW produced by gas and coal plants.

Wind energy totalled 911 MG last year but authorities hope to boost that to 6.3 GW by 2020.

China may send first woman into space: Xinhua

BEIJING (AFP) - China may send its first woman into space next year as part of a programme to build a space station by 2020, the official Xinhua news agency said Monday.

The announcement came as China said it would launch an unmanned space craft, the Shenzhou VIII, today to carry out the country's first ever space docking with a module that is already orbiting the earth.

The experimental docking is part of China's preparation for building its first space station by 2020, where astronauts can live for several months, as they do on NASA's International Space Station or the former Russian Mir.

If it is a success, China will launch another two space craft next year to conduct more docking experiments.

At least one will be manned, and two female astronauts are among those being trained for the mission, Xinhua said. If they are chosen, they will be the first women China has sent into space.

China began its manned spaceflight programme in 1990 after buying Russian technology and in 2003 became the third country to send humans into space, after the former Soviet Union and the United States.

A spokeswoman for China's manned space programme said data gathered would be crucial to the success of future missions.

China sees its ambitious space programme as a symbol of its burgeoning global stature.

But it is playing catch-up in the space arena. The planned space docking will only emulate what the Americans and Russians achieved in the 1960s.

Xinhua said docking technologies were crucial to the success of China's ambitions for a space station.

Mastering docking technology "will make it possible for China to carry out space exploration of larger scale," it quoted Zhou Jianping, chief designer of China's manned space programme, as saying.

Clinton, tech firms head to London for cyberspace talks

LONDON (AFP) - Officials from 60 countries including Hillary Clinton, Wikipedia co-founder Jimmy Wales and Chinese technology firms gather in London today to discuss the benefits and security risks of cyberspace.

The US Secretary of State is among up to 900 delegates attending the two-day conference, although few expect unity from participants who often disagree on what exactly the opportunities and challenges presented by cyberspace are.

The broad agenda covers everything from access to the Internet, the economic impact of cyberspace, its social benefits -- including fuelling democracy movements such as the Arab Spring -- and cyber crime and security.

Commentators have expressed scepticism that the varying interests of Europe and the United States on the one hand and Russia and China on the other can be reconciled, particularly on issues such as freedom of speech online.

China is also a source of tension, being blamed for many of the cyber attacks that are troubling world governments, including a massive global spying campaign identified in August. Beijing strongly denied

any involvement.

The analysts noted that the security priority of Western states was to protect their networks from attacks, while China and Russia emphasised the security of information, which requires controlling content.

British officials insist they have no ambition to create a treaty or new laws, particularly on the issue of international security, which will be discussed behind closed doors.

Cyber security has already been discussed under the auspices of the United Nations and NATO, while the United States and Australia agreed in September that a cyber attack in either country would trigger a joint response.

But officials believe this is the first conference of its kind to look at all aspects of cyberspace with input from wide range of players, including a group of 25 young people who will explain what the Internet means for them.

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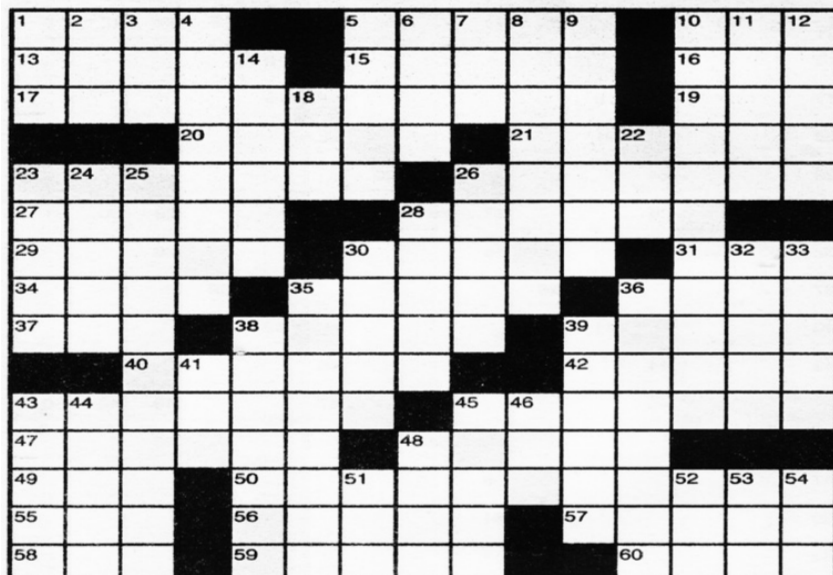
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48. Like many a campfire tale
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14. Mumbles mantras
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24. Chloroform kin
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26. Makes ham
28. Acoustic guitar features
30. Persian fairies
32. One of California's Santas
33. Chihuahua change
35. Ancient Greek battleground
36. "Naughty ___"
38. Bishop's cap
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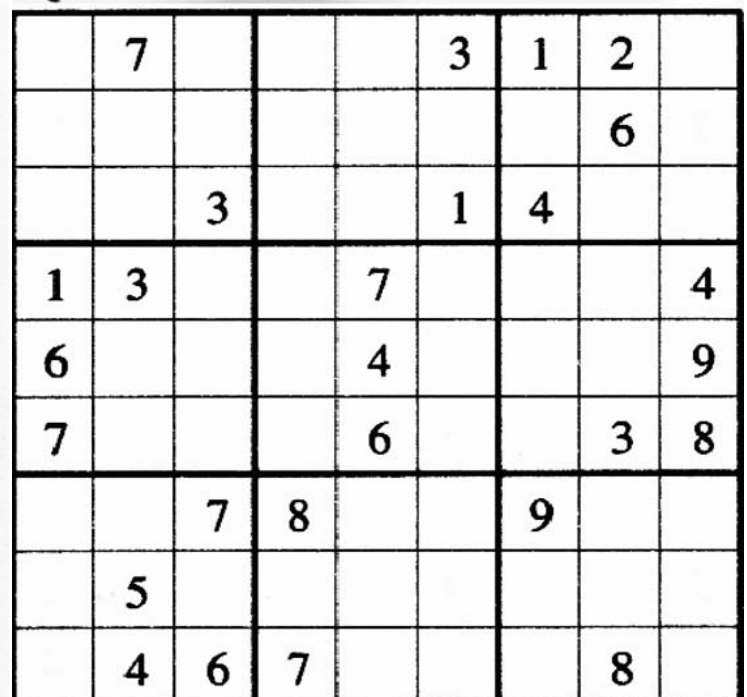
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Finance

IMF predicts moderate growth for Canadian economy

TORONTO (AFP) - After Canada's strong recovery from the global financial crisis, its economic growth is moderating, the IMF said yesterday.

A resilient financial sector and high commodity prices helped the Canadian economy expand above its potential growth rate in 2010, said the IMF in a preliminary briefing on the fund's annual report on the Canadian economy.

"Broadly, Canada is doing well," said Gian Maria Milesi-Ferretti, IMF mission chief to Canada. "Especially compared to other G7 countries, Canada has recovered well from the crisis."

However, global financial uncertainty has led the fund to project a more moderate outlook for Canada for 2011 and 2012.

Weak demand for Canadian products, a strong Canadian

dollar and a sluggish US economy were factors in scaling down the predicted growth rates to an average of two percent annually for 2011 and 2012.

The projections were in line with a Bank of Canada report predicting 2.1 percent growth in 2011 and 1.9 percent growth in 2012.

"It weighs on consumer and business confidence when you have the risk of turmoil in Europe morphing into a more systemic financial market problem," said Milesi-Ferretti.

Domestically, the IMF looked favorably on the Canadian government's plan to reduce the budget deficit over the next four years, but cautioned against rising consumer household debt levels.

"Consumer household debt, particularly for the purchase of housing, has gone up quite substantially and house prices

are quite elevated," said Milesi-Ferretti, pointing at housing markets in westernmost British Columbia and the Toronto area.

"If house prices slow or decline, you may have household balance sheets being a bit stretched," said Milesi-Ferretti.

The IMF also cautioned about the risks of long-term expenditure pressures due to rising health care costs as the Canadian population ages.

And it warned that a prolonged period of low interest rates -- now at historical lows -- could lead to more risk-taking by banks, weigh on insurance firms' profitability and present challenges for the solvency of pension funds with defined benefits.

The final IMF report is due out in mid-December following a meeting of the IMF board on December 9th.

Brokerage MF Global bankrupt amid euro debt losses

NEW YORK (AFP) - Struggling US brokerage firm MF Global filed for bankruptcy yesterday, after confidence in the firm was shattered by a string of losses from European public debt holdings.

The firm filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in a Manhattan bankruptcy court, making it the first major US casualty from the European debt crisis.

While MF Global is well-known on Wall Street, it is not thought to be so interconnected that its collapse could trigger a crash like that seen in the wake of the Lehman Brothers bankruptcy in 2008.

But attention immediately turned to JPMorgan Chase and subsidiaries of Deutsche Bank, after MF's bankruptcy filing showed those firms to be the firm's two biggest creditors.

JPMorgan was said to have a claim of over \$1.2 billion with MF linked to bond holdings, while Deutsche Bank had a claim of over \$1.0 billion.

Shares in JPMorgan fell 3.3 percent on the news while Deutsche Bank's US-listed shares fell 8.7 percent.

Shares in MF -- which had reported \$41 billion in assets at the end of September -- were halted on the New York Stock Exchange early yesterday in anticipation of the move.

Ahead of the bankruptcy filing, Chris Low of FTN Financial wrote that MF's downfall would be "the biggest US casualty so far in the European sovereign crisis."

"Hopefully, the firm's situation is unique. (Chief executive Jon) Corzine's bet on sovereign debt is what got the

firm in trouble. According to regulators, other, bigger US entities are not exposed."

According to figures from bankruptcydata.com, MF's filing is the eighth largest US bankruptcy in the last 30 years.

Lehman, the largest, had \$691 billion in assets at the time of its collapse.

The Financial Times and The Wall Street Journal earlier reported MF was to issue the filing as part of a plan to sell off assets to Interactive Brokers Group, although it was still not certain that deal would go through.

here was no comment from Interactive Brokers early yesterday.

According to the bankruptcy filing, MF Global has 25,000-50,000 creditors, and \$100 to \$500 million in assets.

KLM and WWF Netherlands unite for sustainable aviation

-- KLM Royal Dutch Airlines and the World Wide Fund for Nature in the Netherlands (Wereld Natuur Fonds -- WWF Netherlands) will continue to cooperate towards creating a more sustainable airline industry. They have expressed the ambition to develop an international market for sustainable biokerosene within a four-year period.

KLM is providing an extra impulse by striving to operate its entire fleet using an average of 1% sustainable biofuel by the year 2015. KLM and WWF Netherlands agreed to this on signing the new contract last Friday governing their cooperation.

KLM and WWF Netherlands have been cooperating closely since 2007.



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China pledges 'active support' for debt-stricken Europe

VIENNA (AFP) -- China pledged active support for debt-stricken Europe and said it was convinced the EU could work through its current crisis as President Hu Jintao visited Monday ahead of a G20 meeting.

"All countries sit in the same boat. We have to stick together, so that Europe can recover," China's Trade Minister Chen Deming, who was traveling with Hu, was quoted as saying by the Austria Press Agency.

Vowing "active support" for the region, he also hinted at investments from Beijing at an Austrian-Chinese economic forum in Vienna, without specifying whether these would go into the EU's debt rescue fund.

Earlier, Hu said that China "is convinced Europe has the wisdom and the competency to overcome the current difficulties."

"We are closely following the economic developments" in Europe, he said through an interpreter, after talks with Austrian President Heinz Fischer.

Hu's two-day state visit to Austria marks 40 years of

diplomatic relations between the two countries.

The trip, Hu's second to Europe in a year, also comes as the region is struggling with a spiralling debt crisis and amid hopes that Beijing might invest in its bailout fund.

After his Austrian visit, Hu will travel Wednesday to the French resort of Cannes to attend a G20 meeting of world leaders on Thursday and Friday.

European leaders called on China last week to invest in the region's European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF) to help it overcome the debt crisis.

Klaus Regling, the head of the bailout fund, travelled to Beijing to strike a deal with the world's second-largest economy, reportedly seeking a pledge of \$100 billion (71 billion euros).

However, Beijing had remained non-committal about its involvement, and Vice Finance Minister Zhu Guangyao played down hopes of a breakthrough at the G20 meeting, insisting that investment in the fund was not on the agenda.

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Witness clashes as Jackson doc trial nears climax



Dr. Paul White.

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Michael Jackson's doctor Conrad Murray should have called 911 more quickly when he found the star not breathing, the medic's star witness conceded Monday as he clashed with prosecutors.

As the climax of Murray's manslaughter trial looms, Dr Paul White maintained his belief that Jackson caused his own death by injecting propofol, but conceded he would have done some things differently.

"I would have done things differently in terms of calling for help and calling 911," said White, who repeatedly clashed with prosecutor David Walgren, and at one stage was admonished by the judge.

The trial has heard that Murray did not call 911 immediately on finding Jackson lifeless in the bedroom at his Los Angeles mansion, after spending the night trying in vain to help Jackson to get to sleep.

The medic, who says he had left the room for only two minutes, instead began giving cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) before calling Jackson's personal assistant, who called a guard, who eventually called 911 some 20 minutes later.

White also conceded that Murray could have lied when he failed to tell paramedics and emergency room doctors about having given propofol in the hours before Jackson's death on June 25, 2009.

"I think it was something that he overlooked," he said initially, before being repeatedly questioned by Walgren over whether Murray could have been lying. "It's an option, yes," he said.

The heated exchanges came as the involuntary manslaughter trial resumed, entering its final act after five weeks of testimony about how exactly the star died in June 2009.

Walgren launched his

cross-examination by quizzing White about details including whether it was wrong for Murray not to have kept detailed medical records of his care for Jackson.

He also notably asked how much White had been paid for giving testimony in defense of Murray. The respected anesthesiologist said he had so far been paid \$11,000, but that he expected to receive more.

At one point judge Michael Pastor asked the jury to leave the court, before admonishing White -- who added that he usually was paid \$3,500 a day for court testimony -- and ordering him simply to answer Walgren's questions.

After Dr White's testimony the prosecution and defense are expected to give their closing arguments, before the seven-man, five-woman jury retires to consider its verdict.

While many observers have difficulty seeing how Murray can escape a guilty verdict after four weeks of relentless prosecution testimony, the defense will hope to make a final appeal to sway the decision its way.

After Three months, Kim Kardashian wants a divorce



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Reality television star Kim Kardashian filed for divorce Monday from Kris Humphries, the basketball player she married less than three months ago. "After careful consideration, I have decided to end my marriage," she said in a statement published on E! Online, the website of the cable television network behind "Keeping Up with the Kardashians." "I hope everyone understands this was not an easy decision. I had hoped this marriage was forever but sometimes things don't work out as planned. We remain friends and wish each other the best." Kardashian, 31, became a household name in 2007 thanks to a sex tape with her then boyfriend and the ongoing "Keeping Up" series which tracks the psychodramas of her affluent Los Angeles family. The diminutive celebrity wedded towering New Jersey Nets power forward Humphries, 26, on August 20 after he reportedly gave her an engagement ring worth \$2 million.

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"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," comments Aaron; and upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

Prices vary only slightly between regular and small (basically 2 patties or 1) with specialty items such as Gouda Burger, Farmer's Burger, Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with crispy onion rings and BBQ sauce. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato... whatever the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

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cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!" Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

If you are a fan of crispy friend onion rings, as we are at THE MORNING NEWS, you cannot leave there without trying their secret recipe batter-dipped gourmet rings, made from fresh, not frozen onions. Unquestionably, the best we have had anywhere, and for those that like a little spice, the fried jalapeños are a real treat. Aaron and Rosie have expanded their menu to accommodate certain tastes and dietary needs; they offer a tasty grilled chicken sandwich as well.

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Inter, Juventus both fined for fans' misbehaviour

ROME (AFP) - Inter Milan and Juventus have been fined by Italian sports justice authorities for the behaviour of their fans during the pair's Serie A clash on week-end.

Inter have been hit with a 20,000-euro fine after their supporters unfurled a banner evoking memories of the 1985 Heysel stadium tragedy.

The banner read: "Low quality steel, nostalgia for Heysel."

Thirty-nine Juventus fans

died and around 600 were injured when a wall collapsed in the Heysel stadium ahead of the 1985 European Cup final between the Italians and Liverpool.

The fans were trying to escape a group of Liverpool fans who had breached a fence separating them from their Italian rivals.

The fine was imposed also for another banner targeting Juventus's president Andrea Agnelli, which said "Death to

Tennis: Homeboy Federer wins on return from break

BASEL (AFP) - Roger Federer gave his hometown fans exactly what they were seeking as the four-time champion moved into the second round of the ATP Swiss Indoors on Monday with a 7-6 (7/3), 6-4 defeat of Potito Starace.

Federer, who is seeded three here behind 2009 winner Novak Djokovic and Andy Murray, showed some rustiness against the world number 54 before he claimed his sixth win in six meetings with the Italian.

The Swiss, who was recording his 50th win of the season at a tournament where he was once a teenage ballboy, last competed as he led his nation back to the David Cup World Group with a victory against Australia in Sydney the weekend after the US Open.

Federer, who withdrew from the October Asian ATP tournaments to rest his body and cure some niggling injuries, will face either Brazilian Thomas Bellucci or Finn Jarkko Nieminen.

Despite claiming just one title - his 67th which came in the first week of the year in Doha - Federer has reached the quarter-finals in 11 of the 13 tournaments he has played this year.

The Swiss needed a tiebreaker in the first set to get on top of Starace, but began the second with a break which he held throughout the set and took victory with his second match point.

2005 finalist Marcos Baghdatis returned to Basel for the first time in three years to post an upset over Serbian eighth seed Viktor Troicki 4-6, 7-6 (8/10), 6-2.

Baghdatis, who lost the 2005 final to Fernando Gonzalez, put out Troicki in two and three-quarter hours with six aces and five breaks of serve.

US Open doubles champion Jurgen Melzer withdrew with back pain before his first round singles match, with the



Roger Federer of Switzerland in action in his match against Potito Starace of Italy.

Austrian replaced by Russian lucky loser Mikhail Kukushkin.

Melzer, who lost in the quarter-finals of his home Austrian Open last week, was to have begun in Basel against American Donald Young.

The 30-year-old is said to be in danger of missing the

ATP World Tour Finals in London starting in three weeks after he and partner Philipp Petzschner qualified by virtue of winning their second Grand Slam doubles title after Wimbledon in 2010.

Melzer will also not play next week in Paris Bercy at the Masters 1000 which wraps up the ATP regular season.

FC Sion takes UEFA dispute to European Commission

GENEVA (AFP) - Swiss club FC Sion said Monday it has filed a suit against UEFA at the European Commission over the disqualification of its players that led to the club's exclusion from the Europa League.

FC Sion were thrown out of the tournament on September 2 after being found guilty of fielding ineligible players, with Scottish club Celtic handed their place in the group stages despite losing the play-offs 3-1 on aggregate.

The Swiss side had taken the case to several regional courts which found in its favour.

UEFA has so far not complied with the Swiss court ruling but said it would comply with a ruling by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), which is due to deliberate on November 24.

Barca out to get close to play-offs against Plzen

PRAGUE (AFP) - Holders Barcelona are eyeing the three points that would all but win them a place in the Champions League play-offs as they face Czech champions Viktoria Plzen today.

Barcelona, who beat Plzen 2-0 on October 19 with goals from Andres Iniesta and David Villa, are leading Group H with seven points from three games.

They are ahead of AC Milan on goal difference, while Plzen and BATE Borisov have a single point.

Barca will qualify with a win as long as BATE fail to beat Milan.

Barca got a boost from a 5-0 trashing of Real Mallorca in La Liga on Saturday, with Lionel Messi scoring a hat-trick within 30 minutes to silence his critics pointing out his lack of luck in recent games.

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Cardinals manager La Russa going out on top

ST. LOUIS (AFP) - Tony La Russa retired as manager of the St. Louis Cardinals on Monday, three days after his team completed a dramatic seven-game World Series triumph over the Texas Rangers.

The 67-year-old announced his retirement at the Cardinals' Busch Stadium a day after the team was greeted euphorically by hundreds of thousands of fans at a celebratory parade.

The World Series victory over the Rangers was the third of La Russa's 33-year career, and according to STATS LLC he became baseball's first



manager to retire immediately after his club won the World Series.

La Russa guided the Cardinals to the title after they trailed Atlanta by 10 1/2 games for the final National League playoff berth on August 25.

La Russa retires third on the all-time wins list, 35 behind second-place John McGraw.

He also won World Series titles with Oakland in 1989 and St. Louis in 2006.

"Other than some personal attachments, I feel good," La Russa said. "I feel good that this is the right decision."

La Russa said he had begun contemplating making 2011 his last campaign midway through the season.

He said he told general manager John Mozeliak and other Cardinals officials in late August.

Even as the Cardinals surged into the post-season, he said his feeling that it was time to go didn't change.

"I think this just feels like it's time to end it," La Russa said.

La Russa displayed little emotion at the press conference, except when he thanked his wife, Elaine, and two

daughters for their support during his career.

However, he said his meeting with Cardinals players after Sunday's parade was emotional, albeit brief.

La Russa's answer as to whether he would ever manage again was a simple "no," although he said he'd consider another job in baseball in the future.

Cardinals pitcher Chris Carpenter, whose four wins in the playoffs included the decisive game seven over the Rangers, said La Russa called the players together in the club's weight room moments after Sunday's festivities.

Carpenter said La Russa spoke briefly about how proud he was of the team's title run "and then said that he was done."

"Everybody was surprised, shocked," Carpenter said. "I think every single guy in there was emotional and gave big old hugs on the way out."

Carpenter said that behind the scenes, La Russa displayed a sense of humour that rarely came across as he concentrated on the game at hand.

However, Carpenter said La Russa's reputation as a dedicated, detail-oriented manager was spot-on.

US reign as Pan Am Games close

GUADALAJARA (AFP) - Brazil, Canada and Puerto Rico closed out the Pan American Games with gold on Sunday, but the United States nabbed two last bronzes lest anyone forget they still reign in the region.

The United States finished with a total of 236 medals, 92 of them gold, in the regional sports extravaganza.

Cuba were second in the final medals table with 58 gold and 136 overall, followed by Brazil with 48 gold and 141 total medals.

Solonei Silva's victory in the men's marathon on Sun-

day gave Brazil their final gold of the games. He won in two hours 16 minutes 37 seconds with Colombians Diego Colorado and Juan Cardona second and third.

Canada won the first Pan Am Games rugby sevens final, edging Argentina 26-24. The addition of the sport to the Pan Am programme previewed the addition of rugby sevens to the Olympics slated for 2016.

The United States snaffled the rugby sevens bronze, and also took bronze in the men's basketball tournament won by Puerto Rico.



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NFL: Steelers finally find way to stop Brady's Patriots



Heath Miller of the Steelers dives over an attempted tackle by Patrick Chung of the Patriots

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Pittsburgh finally solved their Tom Brady problem, defeating the New England Patriots 25-17 on Sunday to end the superstar quarterback's long reign over the Steelers.

The Steelers had lost six of their seven NFL contests

against the Patriots with Brady as their starting quarterback. That included the teams' past four meetings.

This time, however, the Steelers found a way to stop the league's most prolific attack this season.

Steelers signal-caller Ben

Roethlisberger passed for 365 yards and two touchdowns, completing 36 of 50 passes and guiding his team through a series of drives that ate up time and kept Brady and the Pats offense off the field.

The Steelers held the ball for more than 39 minutes and thwarted New England's late rally bid to notch their fourth straight victory.

"It's been all Tom Brady versus the Pittsburgh Steelers and looking back on the past, how he's owned the Pittsburgh Steelers, and I think everybody forgot about our offense a little bit and the things they've been doing out there," Pittsburgh linebacker LaMarr Woodley said.

"I think they took that a little personal."

Brady, who lost to the Steelers for only the second time in his career, passed for two touchdowns but overall threw for a season-low 198 yards.

Even so, New England pulled within six points of the Steelers with 2:35 to play when Brady connected with Aaron Hernandez on a one-yard touchdown pass.

However, the Patriots' last-chance drive ended with eight seconds remaining when Brady was sacked.

"There was a poor level of execution," Brady said. "We all have to individually look in the mirror and figure out what we need to get better at."

Roethlisberger used an uncharacteristic but successful array of shorter passes to keep the ball advancing in Steelers hands.

The Steelers' five scoring drives lasted 11, 16, 10, 14 and 11 plays. They converted 10 of their 16 third-down chances and had three field goals by Shaun Suisham.

The Steelers improved to 6-2. With the unbeaten 7-0 Packers idle, San Francisco and Detroit also took their number of victories to six.

In San Francisco, Frank Gore ran for more than 125 yards and a touchdown in a fourth straight game as the 49ers defeated Cleveland 20-10 to improve to 6-1.

Detroit, who had lost two after a blazing 5-0 start, sacked Denver quarterback Tim Tebow seven times en route to a 45-10 victory over the Broncos that took their record to 6-2.

The St. Louis Rams, perhaps buoyed by the St. Louis Cardinals' World Series baseball triumph, shocked the New Orleans Saints 31-21 for their first victory of the

season.

The Dolphins and Colts, however, remained winless. The New York Giants dealt Miami a 20-17 defeat while Tennessee beat Indianapolis 27-10 as Colts quarterback Curtis Painter was sacked twice and threw two interceptions that led to Titans touchdowns.

Baltimore engineered the biggest comeback in Ravens history, Billy Cundiff kicking a 25-yard field goal as time expired to seal a 30-27 victory over the Arizona Cardinals.

Baltimore had trailed 24-3 in the second quarter, scoring 24 straight points to take the lead.

Arizona tied it one more time before Baltimore sealed it, bettering their previous biggest rally which was from 19-points down.

In Philadelphia, Eagles quarterback Michael Vick threw two touchdown passes and LeSean McCoy had a career-best 185 yards rushing with two TDs as the hosts romped to a 34-7 victory over division rivals Dallas.

In other games, Minnesota edged Carolina 24-21, Houston beat Jacksonville 24-14, Buffalo routed Washington 23-0, Cincinnati defeated Seattle 34-12.